

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MILPITAS**

Minutes: Regular meeting of Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission  
Meeting Date: January 30, 2007  
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Place: Committee Meeting Room, City Hall

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- I. ROLL** The Chair, Ed Blake, called to order the Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission at 7:17 p.m. Commissioners Ed Blake, Steve Ybarra, John Ebnetter, and Patrick Yung were present. Allied Waste representatives were Gil Cheso and Jeanne Mader. City staff were Marilyn Nickel and Kathleen Phalen.
- II. MINUTES** Approval of the minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting.
- Motion to approve:  
M/S: Ybarra/Ebnetter Ayes: All
- III. PUBLIC FORUM** No items were presented.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
1. Staff Nickel distributed applications for the commissioner vacancy with a request that the Commissioners pass them along to interested candidates.
  2. Staff Nickel introduced Kathleen Phalen as the new staff utility engineer.
  3. Staff Nickel reported that the preliminary AB 939 waste diversion calculation is 56 percent for calendar year 2005.
  4. Staff Nickel announced that the City is holding a Commissioner Recognition Event in April.
- V. AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.
- M/S: Ybarra/Yung Ayes: All
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
1. *Solid Waste Service Proposals* – Gil Cheso stated that Allied Waste will look into various options to improve services including automated service, standard containers, and an optimum number of cleanup events and will report back at the next meeting. This prompted general discussion about status of recycling in Milpitas and the composition of non-recycled materials. Commissioner Yung stated his preference for mandatory containers of uniform appearance. Staff Nickel stated that once the options presented by Allied have been considered by the RSRAC, they will be placed on the Utility Rate Subcommittee agenda for consideration.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
1. *Election of Officers* – Staff Nickel explained that the RSRAC bylaws call for election of officers for a one-year term at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. The Chair duties are to preside over the meetings and the Vice Chair performs this function in the absence of the Chair. Chair Blake opened the floor for nominations.  
Chair: Commissioner Yung nominated Chair Blake for this position. Chair Blake accepted this position.

Vice Chair: Commissioner Ybarra nominated Commissioner Ebnetter. Commissioner Ebnetter accepted this position.

2. *Meeting Schedule Review* – Staff Nickel explained that the RSRAC formerly met semi-annually, but in 2003 the Council opted to increase the meeting frequency to quarterly in because the City did not attain 50 percent diversion. Now that the City has successfully attained the 50 percent diversion goal for several consecutive years, the Committee may want to decrease its meeting frequency. Commissioner Yung recalled that prior to 2003 the semiannually meetings ran too long, so he prefers quarterly meetings. Commissioners Yabarra prefers quarterly meetings because things change too frequently to be addressed only semi-annually. Chair Blake prefers to retain quarterly meetings for this year as a trial with the question to be evaluated again next year.
3. *e-Waste Recycling* – Chair Blake led a discussion of the feasibility of establishing a facility to accept electronic waste from the community. Gil Cheso of Allied Waste said he would survey what other cities are doing about electronic waste and would report back to the committee. There was discussion about recycler certification and the new State Law reimbursing recyclers for e-waste management. Commissioner Yung asked a related question about household battery drop off. Gil Cheso of Allied responded that residents can drop off household batteries through the County Household Hazardous Waste program. Chair Blake asked if the City has ever published a comprehensive list of all the drop off locations available to Milpitas residents. Staff Nickel responded that staff would look into the availability of such a list and would disseminate the information.
4. *Built in incentives for Recycling* – This was an agenda item requested by Commissioner Chen and so was continued due to his absence.
5. *Developing an Activist Position* – This item was also requested by Commissioner Chen and so was continued.

## **VII. STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Staff Nickel highlighted a couple of the listed accomplishments.

1. Commercial Recycling & Waste Reduction Activities – Allied Waste reports a 21% commercial recycling rate for the second half of 2006, in excess of its 18% performance goal.
2. Staff Nickel described the successful Zanker Elementary School Beautification event.

## **VIII. ROUNDTABLE/ANNOUNCEMENTS** - No items were noted.

## **IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Options for solid waste services (Allied Waste report)
2. E-waste facility (Allied Waste report)
3. Discussion of built in incentives for recycling (Commissioner Chen request continued from this agenda)
4. Discussion of Commission assuming an activist position (Commissioner Chen request continued from this agenda)
5. Discussion of Neighborhood Cleanups/Compost Giveaway (Allied Waste Report)
6. Discussion of Use of Free Dump Days, Neighborhood Cleanup Tonnage (Allied Waste Report)

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.